DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.—(*contd.*)

DEMAND VIII—REGISTRATION—(*contd.*)

PRESIDENT: Ten minutes more are available for Demand VIII—Registration.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, yesterday, when the House rose in the evening, I had almost finished my speech. Now, in conclusion, I have only to remind the House of what I said yesterday, *viz.*, that the proceedings of yesterday containing the criticisms levelled against the Registration Department will be forwarded to the Director of Registration and he will be requested to take prompt and effective measures to stamp out corruption from the department. He will also be asked to report the steps he has taken or proposes to take in the matter. In the light of this undertaking, I hope the member will withdraw his motion.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): From the general tenor of the explanations and the statement from the official side, I am not satisfied that the Government are at present doing what is possible or satisfactory in the matter of the complaints referred to.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): He has no right to speak now. Mr. George has had his second reply. He has only to state whether he withdraws his motion or presses it.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I press the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I request that a poll may be taken.

A poll was then taken with the following result:—

AYES—10.

1. Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed
2. Mr. A. J. John
3. Mr. K. I. Joseph.
4. Mr. C. Kerala Varma Koil Tampuran
5. Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai
6. Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman
7. Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai
8. Mr. G. Raman Menon
9. Mr. Kurandipallil R. Raman Pillai
10. Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai

NOES—18.

1. Mr. I. C. Chacko
2. Mr. Paul Daniel
3. Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai
4. Mr. K. George
5. Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai
6. Mr. R. Krishna Pillai
7. Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
8. Mr. L. A. Lampard
9. Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
10. Mr. W. H. Pitt
11. Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose
12. Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar
13. Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar
14. Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar
15. Mr. J. Stephenson
16. Mr. V. Subba Aiyar
17. Mr. A. J. Van Ross
18. Mr. A. Vipan

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NEUTRALS—11.

1. Mr. N. Kumaran	7. Mr. M. N. Pillai
2. Mr. T. Kumara Pillai	8. Mr. R. Padmanabhan
3. Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai	9. Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar
4. Mr. T. J. Matthew	10. Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar
5. Mr. G. Narayana Pillai	11. Mr. K. K. Thomas.
6. Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai	

The motion was lost.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House grants Rs. 2·77 lakhs *minus* Rs. 100 under Demand VIII—Registration.

The grant was made.

DEMAND IX—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—RS. 2·01 LAKHS.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2·01 lakhs under Demand IX—General Administration—Huzur Cutcherry.

Motion 257.

The following motion was deemed not to have been made as the member was absent:—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:

257. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 51,319 for Establishment by Rs. 100.

Motion 258.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I beg to move the following motion:—

258. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,500 for upkeep of motor car by Rs. 2,000.

The object is to suggest that the upkeep of the Dewan's motor car or cars can be more economically provided for if arrangements are made for the same in conjunction with those at the Royal Stables. Of course, the Dewan has control over the Royal stables as he is the trusted servant of the Sovereign in all public matters as well as in the domestic arrangements for the convenience of the Sovereign and the Royal Family. I am quite aware of the fact that it is desirable and even necessary to have one car or more cars at the beck and call of the Dewan to facilitate the discharge of his duties. This will not be interfered with under the arrangements I propose. I only suggest that the establishment of employees for the unkeep of the motor car or cars may be coordinated with that of the cars at the Royal stables. It seems to me that this will result in saving of avoidable expenditure and greater efficiency in the upkeep of the State motor cars. I am not particular about the exact sum I have put down for being reduced. It is unessential. The point is that the Government should try to economise expenditure on the upkeep of the Dewan's motor car or cars by co-ordinating the arrangements for it with those for the upkeep of motor cars at the Royal stables.

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